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Office of
JOSEPH WHARTON,
401 Chestnut Street,
(P. O. BOX 1332.)

Philadelphia, March 30 1891

Hon O C Bosbyshell, Supt U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Please consider whether it would be advantageous to the Mint to have the $30.000 in minor coins which you are to melt up into new coins, converted into new blanks outside of the Mint.

It has been thought desirable by former Superintendents to avoid the slight risk of mixing the base metal scrap with precious metal scrap, and though the risk may be slight yet accidents will happen, and the accident of getting some bronze scrap into a gold pot or base metal scrap into a silver pot would be highly disagreeable. If it should happen but once, and but a single coin be found containing a taint of base metal, the cloud of uncertainty as to how far the thing had gone would be highly vexatious.

If you should wish to have an offer for the conversion of the defaced coins, or of the metals derived therefrom, into clean new coin blanks, I will make such an offer, based upon giving you the new blanks at or before your surrender of the old metal, so as to relieve you from any trouble in your accounts.

Yours truly

Joseph Wharton

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Dear Sir

Please consider whether it would be advantageous to the Mint to have the $30,000 in minor coins which you are to make up into new coins, converted into new blanks outside of the Mint.

It has been thought desirable by former Superintendents to amid the slight risk of mixing the base metal scrap with precious metal scrap, and through the risk may be slight yet accidents will happen, and the accident of getting some bronze scrap with a gold part or some nickel scrap with a silver part would be highly disagreeable. If it should happen but over, and but a high coin be found certainly a taint of base metal, the cloud of uncertainty at to hear for the thing for some would be highly vexatious.

If we should risk to have the offer for the conversion of the defaced coins, or if the metal demand them, into clean new coin blanks, I will make such an offer, and upon giving for the new blanks at or before your surrender of the old metal, for are to relieve you from any trouble in your accounts.

Yours Truly,
Joseph Wharton